

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Ali Rihan et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1713  
Examiner: Tatyana Zalukaeva  
Title: Fast Drying Clearcoat Refinish Composition  
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1/2/03**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002 in which claims 1-21 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims in view of the following comments.

This Reply is accompanied by a Declaration of Ali Rihan Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and a Declaration of Emerson Keith Colyer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

This Reply is also accompanied by a request and fee for a one-month extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). With the one-month extension, a reply is due December 28, 2002.